

ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING INDIRECT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007: The Director of the Office of Small Business Programs announced on September 30, 2008, that the Region VI - Water Quality Protection Division, State Revolving Fund Team, is the recipient of the Administrator's Award for Outstanding Indirect Procurement Program Achievement for Fiscal Year 2007. The Team consists of: Javier Ballí, Margaret Osbourne, Miriam Fisher-Hadley, Dianne Sales, Tyrone Hoskins, Velma Smith, and Susanne Mann. The Team is recognized for the proactive efforts they have taken to improve MBE/WBE participation in EPA R6 State Agencies. In FY07, \$24 Million was awarded to MBE/WBE firms which represents 39 % of the SRF grant awards for FY07, exceeding the agency goal of 8%. The Administrator's 20th Annual Small Business Awards Ceremony will commence on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. **Maurice Rawls, 665-8049**

LAST OF REGION 6 CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMITS ISSUED: On September 29, 2008, Water Quality Protection Division issued Construction General Permits providing coverage for construction-related storm water discharges in Indian Country in New Mexico and Oklahoma and for federal jurisdiction dischargers in Oklahoma (primarily oil and gas and concentrated animal feeding operations) and Texas (primarily oil and gas). The Construction General Permit is now effective for all EPA-jurisdiction areas in Region 6. **Brent Larsen, 665-7523**

WATER QUALITY PROTECTION DIVISION CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 319 TRIBAL NON-POINT SOURCE TRAINING: Assistance Programs Branch staff will attend and co-host a 3 day Non-point Source (NPS) workshop for Region 6 Tribes held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, hosted by the Pawnee Nation, October 6-8, 2008. The workshop will be attended by 18 Tribes from Oklahoma and New Mexico and will be conducted by Tetrattech, Inc. through a HQ contract. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss program eligibility requirements, program priorities, and the development of watershed assessment reports and watershed management plans. The Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and Oklahoma Water Resource Board will partner with EPA Region 6 by making presentations on collaboration of their programs with the Tribal 319 program. Additionally, the Assistance Programs Branch staff will conduct site visits to the Seminole Nation, Kaw Nation, and Pawnee Nation. **George Craft, 665-6684; Melissa Galyon, 665-8423**

SANITARY SURVEY AT TRIBAL PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS: On September 29-30, 2008, members of the Drinking Water Section conducted sanitary surveys at the Iowa Tribal Complex and the Pawnee Tribal Complex public water systems. These site visits are an on-site review of the source, treatment, distribution system, management, and operation & maintenance of the water system. The on-site review is to evaluate the water system's structural integrity and capability to provide safe drinking water to the public. These reviews are conducted at a regular frequency under SDWA. **Kim Ngo-Kidd, 665-7158; Arnold Bierschenk, 665-7435; Andrea Abshire, 665-6706**

UPPER TRINITY WATERSHED PARTNERS PLANNING COMMITTEE

(UTWPPC): On October 1-2, 2008, management and staff from the Planning and Analysis Branch participated in a two-day social marketing charrette. The charrette is part of a region-wide social marketing campaign aimed at reducing herbicide, pesticide and fertilizer run-off into the Upper Trinity Watershed. The campaign seeks to reach out to representatives from the commercial lawn and garden industry to identify barriers and benefits to organic lawn and garden care practices. To introduce the principles of social marketing to environmental professionals working in the DFW metroplex, an executive breakfast featuring a social marketing presentation by Dr. Doug McKenzie-Mohr--a renowned environmental psychologist--and a one-day social marketing workshop was held on September 11, 2008. The social marketing campaign will be piloted in a small watershed in the DFW area this spring. **Jim Brown, 665-3175; Terry Branch 665-6667; Dave Reazin, 665-7501**

LOUISIANA OFFSHORE TERMINAL AUTHORITY PERMIT REISSUANCE:

On September 16, 2008, The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) reissued the permit for the Louisiana Offshore Terminal Authority (LOTA) - Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP). The permit action is a joint re-issuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit for a facility that discharges to both State and Federal waters. The Permits Oversight Section previously coordinated this action with the Louisiana Office of Coastal Restoration and Management and with the National Marine Fisheries Service. **Paul Kaspar, 665-7459**

TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO REGION 5: During the week of September 29, Region 5 solicited the help of Region 6 UIC staff for insight into well interference testing conducted by one of its Class I injection well operators. Region 6 staff used PanSystem well test software to simulate the anticipated pressure response between multiple wells and provided several comments on designing a successful interference test. Region 5 will use this information as the basis for working with the operator to determine if existing data can be analyzed or if an interference test will need to be designed and conducted to evaluate the reservoir properties at of the injection interval. Region 6 is routinely consulted by other Regions and States for technical analysis of deep injection well issues. **Susie McKenzie, 665-7198; Ken Johnson, 665-8473**

ARKANSAS PLANNING ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT DESIGN: The University of Arkansas Community Design Center is recipient of the 2008 "Achievement in Urban Development Award" by the Arkansas Planning Association for the Habitat for Humanity Low Impact Development project in Fayetteville. This prestigious award was for the 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention funded project titled *Porchscapes: An Affordable Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND)*. This is a 43-unit green neighborhood development sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission that features a number of green infrastructure attributes for surface runoff and water quality control. **Bobby Hernandez, 665-7234**